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The Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs coordinates programs and projects to further the cultural, educational, economic and social development of Maryland's diverse Indian communities. The Commission also works to promote public awareness and appreciation of contributions American Indians have made to life in Maryland.

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Lt. Governor Brown to kick off American Indian Heritage Month
Celebration Will Launch Month-long Activities around the State

(BALTIMORE, MD) - The Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs (MCIA) will be joined by Lt. Governor Anthony G. Brown for the official launch of American Indian Heritage Month in Maryland. **The ceremony will be held at 1 p.m., November 1, 2013 in the Lobby of the Herbert O'Connor Building, 201 W. Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.**

The MCIA launch program will be highlighted by a presentation of tribal flags, tribal dance performances, vendors offering complimentary samples of American Indian cuisine and information booths.

American Indian Heritage Month in Maryland is recognized in conjunction with the celebration of National Native American Heritage Month. During the 2008 general session, the Maryland General Assembly approved House Bill 83 establishing the fourth Friday of November as American Indian Heritage Day, a legal holiday recognizing the proud history, rich cultural heritage and vital contributions of American Indians to the State of Maryland.

Governor Martin O'Malley signed Executive Orders in January of 2012 that made the Piscataway Indian Nation, the Piscataway Conoy Confederacy and Subtribes and the Cedarville Band of Piscataway the first recognized tribes in Maryland history.

According to the 2010 U.S. Census there are 23,162 Native Americans living in Maryland. There are eight (8) tribes indigenous to the state of Maryland. For more information on American Indian Heritage Month or the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs, call 410-767-7491 or log on to www.americanindian.maryland.gov.